

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-848
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ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued June 23, 2004)

On March 12, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for amendment of Pipeline Permit No. 1208 to construct, maintain, and operate 4.65 miles of 10-inch diameter steel pipeline in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. The proposed extension would provide natural gas to the Golden Grain Ethanol Plant, located south of Mason City, Iowa. The Board originally issued Pipeline Permit No. 1208 to IPL to construct, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline consisting of 13 miles of 20-inch diameter steel pipeline in Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties to deliver gas to the Power Iowa (Emery) Energy Center in Cerro Gordo County. The proposed 10-inch line would extend from the existing 20-inch line. The petition for amendment has been identified as Docket No. P-848.

Board staff informed IPL by letters dated March 19 and April 28, 2004, of several deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information concerning the extension. IPL filed revisions to the petition, exhibits, and additional information on April 8, April 27, and May 4, 2004. On June 4, 2004, IPL filed an investigation

summary report prepared by EN Engineering. Board staff filed reports concerning the extension and petition on May 10 and June 7, 2004. In one of the reports, Board staff recommends that IPL file additional information in prefiled testimony regarding the distance between the proposed extension and the electric transmission line towers located along the proposed route.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2003) requires the Board set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition and exhibits, as revised, are in sufficient order procedurally to docket the petition for further proceedings. The Board will assign this proceeding to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and set a hearing date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-848 is assigned to a the Board's administrative law judge, Amy Christensen, to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of June, 2004.